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Activity in the Port of Burgas

1. On 10 October 1953, [] eight PT boats anchored at the arsenal of the port of Burgas. Each boat was about 300 tons, armed with two 10-inch guns in the prow and one in the stern, and had eight positions for depth charges. 25X1
2. On the same date, [] four pursuit boats anchored at the northwest side of the port. Of the four, three go out on night patrol; two of these go to the southwest and one goes east. After they return in the morning, the fourth boat goes on day patrol, and heads toward the southwest; this boat returns in the evening. 25X1
3. Another warship was docked at the northeast side of the port. It is used for demagnetizing warships and for charging batteries. It has two antiaircraft guns.
4. The security chain of the port of Burgas is closed at 10:00 p.m. and opened at 5:00 a.m. The tugboat which closes the entrance is docked permanently at the entrance.
5. There are two medium searchlights on the northwest side of the port and a large one on the east side. All are of a rotating type.
6. The minefields which the Germans laid in the Bulgarian waters during World War II have been cleared. The Bulgarian Naval authorities have offered a reward of 2,000 leva to every person who reports a floating mine.
7. A group of four or five Soviet divers is stationed in the port of Burgas. Their boat is always docked near the police-customs building. On 11 October 1953, the group was hauling up barrels of olives which had fallen from a crane.
8. The following merchant ships called at the port of Burgas from 9 October 1953 to 12 October 1953:

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- a. One [redacted] steamer, 6,000 tons, loading grain [redacted]
- b. The [redacted] loading cement [redacted]
- c. The [redacted], 8,000 tons, unloading bauxite;
- d. The [redacted] 4,000 tons, loading aniseeds [redacted]
- e. The [redacted], unloading iron ore [redacted] and 25X1
- f. Two [redacted] ships, 6,000 tons, unloading unidentified merchandise.

Fortifications of Sveti Anastas Island

9. Sveti Anastas Island is located three kilometers east of the port of Burgas. Semi-basement warehouses for storing ammunition and concrete buildings for housing the garrison have been built on the island. Artillery and antiaircraft guns have been put up.
10. No foreign ships are allowed to go near the island. Only Bulgarian ships visit it, and they must have special permission to do this.
11. The garrison on the island consists of 50 or 60 men, including some Soviets. It is served by a patrol boat which comes from Burgas every day.

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